

In The Claims:

Please add claims 66-70 as follows:

66. A concentrated, stabilized biocidal composition prepared by a process comprising adding bromine to an aqueous, alkali metal sulfamate solution formed from water, sulfamic acid and alkali metal base, wherein the pH of the biocidal composition is from about 12.0 to about 14.0.

67. The biocidal composition according to claim 66 further comprising cooling the aqueous, alkali metal sulfamate solution.

B1 68. The biocidal composition according to claim 67 wherein the sulfamate solution is cooled to a temperature from about 30°C to about 60°C.

69. The biocidal composition according to claim 66 wherein adding the bromine to the sulfamate solution comprises adding a sufficient amount to obtain an active bromine content of at least about 100,000 (wt/wt) and the atom ratio of nitrogen to active bromine is greater than 1.

70. The biocidal composition according to claim 66, wherein the pH is from about 12.0 to about 13.5.

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request entry of new claims 66-70 under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.607, 1.312. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a)(2), Applicants present the following proposed count:

A stable oxidizing bromine composition selected from the group consisting of the compositions of claim 66 of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/451,319 and claims 14, 15 and 25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,423,267.

Claims 66-70 of this Application correspond to the proposed count and are supported by the specification as follows: